

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2006-89-G

APPLICATION OF PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. TO MODIFY TARIFFS AND SERVICE REGULATIONS

On March 23, 2006, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") proposing changes in its tariffs and service regulations for natural gas service.

The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240 (1976), as amended and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-405 and 103-446 (1976)

The Application seeks authorization to implement limited additional provisions in the Company's tariffs applicable to the use of third-party agents by customers receiving transportation service under Rate Schedules 213 and 214. Specifically, Piedmont proposes that third-party agents designated by Rate Schedules 213 and 214 be required to execute a Customer Agent Agreement form setting forth certain creditworthiness and imbalance management requirements. Piedmont contends that, based on recent experience, these requirements are necessary and appropriate to protect both Piedmont and its customers from potential risks associated with the activities of third-party agents on its system. In summary, Piedmont's Application seeks to make the following tariff revisions: (a) certain clarifying changes to Piedmont's Agency Authorization Form; (b) set forth for inclusion in Piedmont's tariffs as Appendix A to Piedmont's South Carolina Service Regulations a form of Customer Agent Agreement; and (c) require all third-party agents authorized to act on behalf of Piedmont's customers to be "eligible", with eligibility defined by the execution of and compliance with a Customer Agent Agreement.

A copy of the Company's Application and proposed tariff and service regulation modifications can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and is available from Mr. Scott M. Tyler, Esquire, Moore & Van Allen PLLC, Suite 4700, 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202-4003. Additionally, Piedmont's Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Petition. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 10, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2006-89-G.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Scott M. Tyler, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **May 10, 2006**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2006-89-G.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **May 10, 2006**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2006-89-G.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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